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HOUSE RESOLUTION 178

By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Zephaniah Holt and the members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Law Explorers Mock Trial Team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Zephaniah Holt and the members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW) Law Explorers Mock Trial Team are one such exceptional group of students; and

WHEREAS, the team is composed of exemplary high school students ranging from fourteen years of age and older from the Memphis City or Shelby County School System; and

WHEREAS, Zephaniah and the MLGW Law Explorers competed in the 2000 City High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association and the Boy Scouts of America; the rigorous competition was held on January 28 through February 2, 2000 at the Shelby County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, area attorneys volunteered to serve as judges for the event as 26 teams gathered in the spirit of competition; the MLGW Law Explorers were represented well at the competition as five members of the team were specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during competition, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Zephaniah Holt and the MLGW Law Explorers achieved outstanding success and, thus, have joined the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's most elite students; and

WHEREAS, in his first year with the Law Explorers, Zephaniah's amazing performance in the competition was recognized as he was awarded Best Witness; and

WHEREAS, Zephaniah's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, the eight-member team began practicing early in the season once a week, increasing the frequency of their practice sessions to three to four days a week, in addition to dedicating countless hours in practice on weekends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cynthia White serves with great probity as the team's advisor; she also advised the 1997 MLGW Law Explorers Mock Trial Team that captured first place honors at the National Competition in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Tim Flowers has selflessly donated his time and expertise to serve as the team's coach for the competition in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Zephaniah Holt, other members of the MLGW Law Explorers Mock Trial Team include: Tamara Young, April Williams, Mary McNeill, Cassie Ford, Michael Pollion, Bianca Jefferson, and Jeremy Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Zephaniah Holt and the MLGW Law Explorers' noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families, their school, and their community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their accomplishments; their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor

Zephaniah Holt and the members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Law Explorers Mock Trial Team and wish each of the members of this select group a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.